

150th Anniversary of Storer College

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Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



In 2017, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Storer College. Throughout the year the park will host special events and programs that tell the history of Storer College and recognize the legacy of the institution, which was the first school in West Virginia to welcome students of all backgrounds.

Storer College Sesquicentennial Commemoration, Schedule of Events

Education and the Struggle for Equality

Date: February 5, 2017

Time: 2 pm

Location: Mather Training Center

Description: Kick-off for the Storer College Sesquicentennial year. Storer College presentation by Ranger Guinevere Roper with a reception following the program.

Lifting as We Climb

Date: February 12, 2017

Time: 2 pm

Location: Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

Description: Ilene Evans, a storyteller, performer, and scholar, will present a 90-minute dramatic program of the life of Storer College graduate and Civil Rights pioneer, Coralie Franklin Cook.

Storer College: A Legacy of Light and Learning

Date: February 19, 2017

Time: 2 pm

Location: Mather Training Center

Description: Join filmmaker Midge Flinn Yost for a discussion and showing of this very special film.

Soul Food Tasting Program

Date: February 26, 2017

Time: 3 pm

Location: Charles Town, Saint Philip's Episcopal Church

Description: Savor a variety of delightful dishes at the annual Black History Soul Food Tasting program. Sponsored by the Jefferson County branch of the NAACP, this year's program highlights the Storer College Sesquicentennial commemoration.

Missionaries and Money: How Free

Baptist Women Influenced Storer College

Date: March 18, 2017

Time: 2 pm

Location: Camp Hill

Description: Discover the history of the women who worked tirelessly to raise money for Storer College's buildings' fund and of those who were the missionary teachers from the 1870s to the 1910s.

Music is the Voice of the Soul

Date: March 31, 2017

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

Description: Legendary pianist Bertha Hope will present a concert in tribute to Women's History Month and the Storer College Sesquicentennial.

Preservation, Education, and Promulgation

Date: April 1, 2017

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Mather Training Center

Description: In 1987, Congress passed legislation recognizing "jazz as a rare and valuable national treasure." Join us as jazz saxophonist Howard Burns and legendary pianist Bertha Hope discuss this unique American art form.

They Made a Difference

Dates: April 17-21, 2017

Time: 2 pm

Location: Lower Town, John Brown Museum, Allies for Freedom Room

Description: Join a park ranger for special National Park Week programs which will connect Harpers Ferry's civil rights stories to other national park sites.

The Search for Alexander Morrell

Date: May 7, 2017

Time: 2 pm

Location: Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

Description: Is Reverend Alexander Morrell buried in Harpers Ferry, where he dedicated his life to Storer College? Find out about the search for the good reverend's final resting place.

A Landscape Through Time: The Historical Development of Camp Hill

Date: May 27, 2017

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Location: Lower Town, Information Center

Description: Opening reception. This exhibit will explore the historical development of Camp Hill, featuring its early use by the U.S. Armory, during the conflict of the Civil War, then as the campus for Storer College, and, finally, as part of the National Park System today.

A History of "Anniversary Day" at Storer College

Date: May 28, 2017

Time: 2 pm

Location: Camp Hill

Description: Walk the grounds of Storer College with a park ranger to trace the steps of the students, teachers, and trustees of the school and learn how they celebrated graduation.

16th Annual Don Redman Heritage Awards and Concert

Date: June 24, 2017

Time: 6 pm

Location: Camp Hill, Mather Training Center Lawn

Description: The event and concert commemorate Don Redman, the internationally acclaimed and influential 1920 graduate of Storer College, and honor living legends of jazz. The concert features special guests and the 2017 Honorees, Barry Harris and Rufus Reid, along with the Howard Burns Quartet. The program will also feature music by the 2017 Don Redman Next Generation Jazz Scholars.

For Freedom and Dignity: Voice from Storer College

Date: July 22, 2017

Time: 7 pm

Location: Mather Training Center

Description: Join park rangers and explore the rich history of Storer College. Proper footwear encouraged. Approximately 1/2 mile of walking involved during this 1.5 hour program.

Niagara Movement Pilgrimage to John Brown's Fort

Date: August 20, 2017

Time: 8 am

Locations: Murphy-Chambers Farm and Curtis Freewill Baptist Church

Description: Retrace the footsteps of the men and women of Niagara during this commemorative walk to the site of John Brown's Fort in 1906. A 10am memorial service will follow at the Curtis Freewill Baptist Church.

Revelations in Research, Storer College Edition

Date: September 16, 2017

Time: 2 pm

Location: Lower Town, John Brown Museum, Allies for Freedom Room

Description: How do park rangers know the history of Storer College? Join rangers for a presentation about how they conduct research and what they have found concerning Storer College.

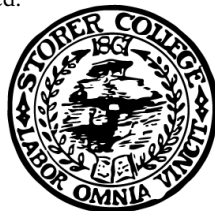
150th Anniversary Storer College Commemoration

Dates: October 6-8, 2017

Time: To be announced

Location: Camp Hill

Description: A weekend of special tours, programs, drama, and music will highlight the sesquicentennial of the founding of Storer College. Further details - to be announced.



Special thanks to our cooperating association partner, the Harpers Ferry Park Association, for supporting these events. Learn more about HFFPA at: www.harpersferryhistory.org